

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PARIS 20432 01 OF 02 131810Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00  
EURE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03  
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 CAB-02  
COME-00 DOTE-00 EPG-02 FAA-00 SCS-03 SCA-01 SIL-01  
LAB-04 SY-05 OC-06 CCO-00 /083 W  
-----039328 131837Z /53

O R 131753Z JUL 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5659  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
FAA BRUSSELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 01 OF 02 PARIS 20432

E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, FR, US, UK  
SUBJ: CIVAIR: PRO-CONCORDE DEMONSTRATION BY PCF

REF: PARIS 20273

1. AN ESTIMATED ONE THOUSAND PERSONS OCCUPIED GROUND FLOOR PUBLIC AREA OF TWA PREMISES ON CHAMPS-ELYSEES EARLY EVENING JULY 12 IN DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED BY PCF IN PROTEST AGAINST NEW YORK BAN ON CONCORDE. DEMONSTRATION IS FRONT PAGE NEWS IN JULY 13 ISSUE OF L'HUMANITE, WHICH CLAIMS DEMONSTRATORS TOTALED TWO THOUSAND. STORY INDICATES DEMONSTRATION WAS PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH OPENING OF JULY 12 HEARING ON CONCORDE IN DISTRICT COURT IN NEW YORK. L'HUMANITE FURTHER CLAIMS THAT IN ADDITION TO POLITBURO MEMBERS, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PCF CENTRAL CENTER COMMITTEE AND PCF PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE PRESENT.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PARIS 20432 01 OF 02 131810Z

2. TWA INFORMS US DEMONSTRATORS ARRIVED AT ABOUT 6:15 PM AND LEFT AT ABOUT 6:50 PM. THEY JAMMED INTO THE PUBLIC AREA (WHERE TICKET RESERVATION COUNTERS ARE LOCATED), AND WHILE THEY DID NO DAMAGE THEY DID PASTE PRO-CONCORDE STICKERS PROMINENTLY ABOUT THE PREMISES AND TOSSED HANDBILLS ABOUT. CLAUDE POPPEREN, PCF

POLITBURO MEMBER, ADDRESSED THE GATHERING, STATING THAT THE REAL REASON FOR NEW YORK'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CONCORDE WAS BECAUSE US INDUSTRY WAS LAGGING BEHIND THE FRENCH AND BRITISH IN SST DEVELOPMENT. CONCORDE WAS THUS BEING BANNED TO ENABLE US CONTRACTORS TO CATCH UP WITH DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW GENERATION SST. NEW YORK'S EXCUSES WERE ONLY PRETEXTS, FOR CONCORDE WAS NO LOUDER THAN ARE "BOEINGS." AT A TIME WHEN SNIAS IS THREATENED WITH UNEMPLOYMENT, GISCARD AND BARRE, AFTER CHIRAC, BOW TO THESE AMERICAN PRESSURES. "A GOVERNMENT CONCERNED FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY WOULD TAKE THE MEASURES CALLED FOR TO PREVENT AIRCRAFT OF US CARRIERS FROM LANDING OR TAKING OFF IN FRANCE." THE PCF, POPEREN CONCLUDED, ARE DETERMINED TO DEFEND FRENCH INTERESTS AND SO INSIST THAT CONCORDE MUST BE PERMITTED TO LAND AT NEW YORK.

3. ON LEAVING THE TWA PREMISES THE DEMONSTRATORS PARADED UP THE CHAMPS-ELYSEES TO THE PLACE DE L'ETOILE. L'HUMANITE REPORTS THAT ETIENNE FAJON, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PCF POLITBURO, THEN BRIEFLY ADDRESSED THE DEMONSTRATORS THERE BEFORE THEY DISBANDED. DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED BANNERS READING, FOR EXAMPLE: "NO CONCORDE AT NEW YORK, NO BOEINGS AT PARIS"; "NO CONCORDE AT NEW YORK--GISCARD, BARRE AND CHIRAC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 PARIS 20432 01 OF 02 131810Z

ARE ACCOMPLICES."

4. TWA REPORTS THAT DEMONSTRATORS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY SOUND TRUCK AND MICROPHONE AND LOUDSPEAKERS WERE BROUGHT INSIDE FOR THE SPEECH-MAKING. AT LEAST ONE RADIO STATION HAD REPORTER PRESENT AND TV CAMERAMEN WERE ALSO ON THE SCENE WITH Klieg LIGHTS. IN FACT, FILM FOOTAGE ON THE DEMONSTRATION INCLUDING PART OF POPEREN'S SPEECH WAS SHOWN DURING 8:00 PM NEWSCAST ON FRENCH TV'S SECOND CHANNEL THAT SAME EVENING. FACT THAT TV WAS THEN ABLE PROCESS THE FILM ON CRASH BASIS SUGGESTS THAT MEDIA WERE INDEED ALERTED WELL IN ADVANCE. TWA HAD RECEIVED NO ADVANCE NOTICE OF DEMONSTRATION.

5. AS SOON AS DEMONSTRATORS ARRIVED TWA CALLED THE POLICE AND A RADIO CAR CONTAINING TWO POLICEMEN ARRIVED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS. POLICE CAR PARKED ON AVENUE GEORGE V JUST OPPOSITE TWA PREMISES BUT POLICEMEN REMAINED INSIDE THE CAR. THEY WERE SEEN PERIODICALLY TO BE IN RADIO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PARIS 20432 02 OF 02 131811Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00  
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00  
NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 CAB-02 COME-00  
DOTE-00 EPG-02 FAA-00 SCS-03 SCA-01 SIL-01 LAB-04  
SY-05 OC-06 CCO-00 EURE-00 /083 W  
-----039333 131836Z /53

O R 131753Z JUL 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5660  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
FAA BRUSSELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 02 OF 02 PARIS 20432

COMMUNICATION. THREE POLICE VANS PLUS A POLICE  
CAR CONTAINING PLAINCLOTHESMEN ARRIVED TEN  
MINUTES AFTER DEMONSTRATORS HAD LEFT, AND A POLICE  
CORDON WAS ESTABLISHED AROUND THE TWA PREMISES.  
TWA ASKED FOR CONTINUATION OF ROUND-THE-CLOCK  
POLICE PROTECTION FOR ITS PREMISES, BUT POLICE  
OFFICIALS RESPONDED THAT IT SUFFICED THAT THEY  
WERE ALERTED TO THE THREAT. NO POLICE PROTECTION  
WAS LEFT AROUND THE PREMISES DURING THE NIGHT NOR  
WAS ANY POLICE PROTECTION IN EVIDENCE MORNING OF  
JULY 13.

6. A NUMBER OF FACTS POINT TO LIKELIHOOD THAT  
DEMONSTRATION OCCURRED WITH BENEDICTION OF  
OR IN CONNIVANCE WITH THE AUTHORITIES:  
(A) THE TWO POLICEMEN IN THE RADIO CAR DID NOT  
INTERVENE OR EVEN GET OUT OF THE CAR;  
(B) POLICE REINFORCEMENTS WERE SO SLOW IN COMING  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PARIS 20432 02 OF 02 131811Z

AND JUST HAPPENED TO ARRIVE AFTER THE DEMONSTRATORS HAD LEFT. IN THAT AREA OF PARIS, BECAUSE OF THE PROXIMITY OF THE ELYSEE PALACE AND THE HOTEL MATIGNON IN PARTICULAR, SUBSTANTIAL POLICE FORCES ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON READY CALL. POLICE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE EIGHTH ARRONDISSEMENT IN PARIS ARE LOCATED IN THE GRAND PALAIS MIDWAY BETWEEN THE PLACE DE LA CONCORDE AND THE RONDPPOINT DES CHAMPS-ELYSEES. WHEN POLICE REINFORCEMENTS FINALLY ARRIVED THEY EXPLAINED TO TWA REPS THAT THEY HAD BEEN DELAYED BY TRAFFIC. SINCE IT IS NO MORE THAN A TEN-MINUTE WALK FROM THE GRAND PALAIS TO THE TWA OFFICES, IT STRAINS THE IMAGINATION TO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD TAKE POLICE VANS, WITH SIRENS SOUNDING, FULLY FORTYMINUTES TO NAVIGATE THAT ROUTE;

(C) UNAUTHORIZED DEMONSTRATIONS ARE USUALLY NOT TOLERATED ON THE CHAMPS-ELYSEES (OR ELSEWHERE IN PARIS), AND ALL THE MORE SO DURING THE EVENING RUSH HOUR. FRENCH POLICE HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO PUT DOWN SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS RATHER STERNLY ON OCCASION. NOT ONLY WAS THE PCF GROUP PERMITTED TO MARCH UP THE CHAMPS-ELYSEES WITH THEIR BANNERS, BUT THERE WERE EVEN TWO POLICEMEN SEEMINGLY SPECIALLY STATIONED ON THE CHAMPS-ELYSEES TO HELP DIRECT TRAFFIC.

6. TWA AGREED WITH US THAT IF PCF DEMONSTRATIONS WERE TO CONTINUE LIKELY NEXT TARGET WOULD BE TWA INSTALLATIONS AT CHARLES DE GAULLE (CDG) AIRPORT. PCF COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, SEEK TO PARALYZE OPERATIONS AT TICKET COUNTER IN ORDER TO FORCE DELAY OR CANCELLATION OF A FLIGHT, SHORT OF BOYCOTT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 PARIS 20432 02 OF 02 131811Z

SERVICING OF TWA AIRCRAFT BY GROUND HANDLERS. TWA THEREUPON CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH AIRPORT POLICE AND REPORTED BACK TO US THAT AIRPORT POLICE OFFICIAL HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS VERY ALERT TO THE PROBLEM, AND MOREOVER, HE LEFT CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT FRENCH POLICE HAD INDEED HAD ADVANCE WARNING OF DEMONSTRATION AT TWA OFFICES ON CHAMPS-ELYSEES PREVIOUS EVENING. POLICE OFFICIAL SAID THAT IF ANY DEMONSTRATORS WERE TO APPEAR AT CDG AND JUST HOLD PROTEST MARCH THROUGH THE TERMINAL BUILDING, POLICE WOULD NOT INTERVENE. (TWA REP NOTED THIS WOULD MEAN THAT "MARCHERS"

COULD, IN FACT, PARALYZE PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE CHECK-IN OPERATIONS.) IF DEMONSTRATORS ATTEMPTED MOLEST TWA PERSONNEL OR ENTER TWA OFFICES, THEN POLICE WOULD INTERVENE. POLICE WOULD, THIS OFFICIAL SAID, ALSO PREVENT ANY DEMONSTRATIONS IN RAMP AREA IN VICINITY OF TWA AIRCRAFT.

(COMMENT: "DEMONSTRATION" IN RAMP AREA IS OF COURSE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM WORK STOPPAGE THAT WOULD FORCE CANCELLATION OF TWA FLIGHTS. TWA REP INDICATED THAT CGT IS VERY WELL REPRESENTED AMONG BAGGAGE HANDLERS AT CDG WHO HAVE READY ACCESS TO VICINITY OF AIRCRAFT ANYWAY.)

7. WE HAVE SINCE RECEIVED FROM TWA COPIES OF HANDBILLS DISTRIBUTED AT THE SCENE OF THE JULY 12 DEMONSTRATION. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE TEXT IS PRINTED NOT ONLY IN FRENCH AND IN ENGLISH, BUT ALSO, FOR REASONS WE DON'T QUITE FATHOM, IN GERMAN. HARTMAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, CONCORDE, FLIGHT CLEARANCES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 13-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977PARIS20432  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770249-0791  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** PARIS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770762/aaaacbrb.tel  
**Line Count:** 242  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** acf0576c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 5  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 PARIS 20273  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 03-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1877309  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CIVAIR: PRO-CONCORDE DEMONSTRATION BY PCF  
**TAGS:** EAIR, FR, US, UK, TWA, PCF  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/acf0576c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009